

**THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES**  
**February 2, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on February 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams video teleconference and in-person at 500 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40601, the Mayo-Underwood Building, PPC Conference Room, 127CW.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa Bond M.S. – Chair  
Harwell Smith, Ph.D.  
Eva Markham, Ed.D.  
Jeff Hicks, Ph.D.  
Dennis J. Buchholz, Ph.D.  
Lorilea Conyer M.A.  
Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D.  
Emily Skaggs, Psy.D.  
Jay Prather-Citizen at Large

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF**

Kristen Lawson, Commissioner  
Lyndsay Sipple, Administrative Supervisor  
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Support Specialist  
Lisa Traylor, Administrative Specialist Senior

**OTHER**

Mark Brengelman, Board Counsel  
Mike Nickels, Counsel

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**GUEST**

Eric Russ, KPA

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Ms. Bond called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**January 5, 2026:** Motion was made by Dr. Markham to amend meeting minutes to reflect VS., under Attorney update section and then approve. Motion was seconded by Dr. Skaggs, carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Lawson informed the board that there will be another bill being sent to add additional board members but there is no information on the bill at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

No questions.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

No questions.

**ATTORNEY UPDATE**

- Board Counsel reported that the new fee Regulation had been referred to the house committee and senate. If passed, it would be in effect immediately and advised DPL staff to have implementation ready for a quick response time.
- Board Counsel reported on the continued progress of working through a backlog of complaint matters and disciplinary actions. Board Counsel reports on the next Complaints Screening Committee meeting is February 11, 2026. In addition, once the backlog of matters is substantially complete, Board Counsel and the Complaints Screening Committee intend to hold a meeting with DPL staff to audit and review the entire complaint process, including any and all Board documents and cover letters in order to determine compliance with the statutes and administrative regulations as well as Board Counsel's suggestions for best practices.
- Board Counsel noted the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Office of Inspector General, has not reached out regarding its audit last fall of the finances of the Board. DPL staff had no additional information to add.

- Board Counsel pointed out that several amended administrative regulations are at the tail-end of the statutory process under KRS 13A, including the amended administrative regulations setting new fees. At this stage, the amended administrative regulations will be referred to the House Health Services Committee and the Senate Health Services Committee, respectively, and hopefully to be heard in February. A Board member will need to be present to advocate for the Board, if possible, along with Board Counsel. Board Counsel also instructed DPL staff to be prepared to implement the new fee schedule and other amended administrative regulations immediately upon the effective date of these new laws, which could occur as soon as February, 2026. Board Counsel stated a Kentucky psychologist had already e-mailed him asking about the possible implementation date and how the new fee schedule and continuing education requirements would apply to anyone renewing their license.
- In addition, Board Counsel remarked about possible legislation applicable to several mental health licensure boards regarding their statutory authority to perform and FBI and Kentucky State Police, fingerprinted criminal background check.

### **COMPLAINTS/OTHER LEGAL MATTER**

24-10 – Received Private admonishment.  
 25 – 06 – Dismiss.  
 25 - 15 – Received notice of hearing.  
 25 – 19 - Received notice of hearing.  
 25 – 31 - Received notice of hearing.  
 25 – 16 – Dismiss.  
 25 – 17 – Dismiss.  
 25 – 18 – Dismiss.  
 25 – 19 - Dismiss.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Committee Assignments:

- Credentials: Jamie Hopkins to replace Emily Skaggs since Dr. Skaggs term is ending.
- CE: Harwell Smith to replace Dennis Buchholz.
- Exams: Jamie Hopkins to help view vignettes with Lisa Bond and Eva Markham.

Procedure Manuals:

- Dr. Smith made a motion to have all committee procedure manuals to be updated by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 with a two year review. Motion was seconded by Dr. Skaggs; two abstentions were made by Dr. Markham and Dr. Hopkins. Motion passed.

Sample letter: The board determined that DPL staff shall not accept any application documents for board review past the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month to allow staff and board to review and correspond regarding applications and documents. Information to be made available to all applicants that this shall take beginning in March 2026.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **Supervision Report:**

The supervision committee informed the board that there were 23 approval and 10 incomplete.

#### **Continuing Education Report:**

No report.

#### **Credentials Review Committee:**

The Committee provided the following recommendations to the Board:

28 applications reviewed:

- 20 Approved Renewals, Initial Applications, Post – Doc/HSP Hours & Nonresident Hours
- 6 Deferred

- 2 Denied

### **Examination Report**

- 1 EPPP re-take requests approved
- 1 oral examination re-take requests approved

### **Finance Ad-Hoc Committee**

No report.

### **Disciplined Psychologist Report:**

No report.

### **Newsletter Report:**

No report.

### **Regulations Committee Report:**

No report.

### **ASPPB / PSYPACT Report**

- Dr. Smith made a motion to approve 1-2 board members to the out of state ASPPB meeting if able. Dr. Skaggs seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Jamie Hopkins made a motion to pay the PSYPACT invoice. Harwell Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PER DIEM & HONORARIA:**

- Emily Skaggs
  - January 30, 2026 – Credentials Committee
- Jamie Hopkins
  - January 16, 2026 – Regulations Committee
  - January 30, 2026 – Credentials Committee
- Lisa Bond
  - January 30, 2026 – Board Meeting
- Lorilea Coyer
  - January 16, 2026 – Regulations Committee
  - January 30, 2026 – Credentials Committee
- Eva Markham
  - January 16, 2026 – Regulations Committee
  - January 30, 2026 – Credentials Committee
- Jay Prather
  - Dec. 3 - consultant ad hoc committee (oral presentation)
  - Jan. 12 - Legislative hearing – Regulations Review Subcommittee
  - January 16, 2026 – Regulations Committee

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, March 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Dr. Skaggs to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Second by Dr. Hopkins, carried.

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Lisa Bond, M.S.

Chair, Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology